

Appl. No. 09/977,721  
Amdt. Dated August 12, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of April 20, 2004

## REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on April 20, 2004, is acknowledged. Applicants request re-examination of the above-mentioned application in view of the following remarks.

## AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Applicants have amended claims 1, 29, 37 and 45 in order to correct grammatical errors in the claims.

## RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner directing the claims to the following species: Species 1 as Figure 4-5; Species 2 as Figure 6; Species 3 as Figure 8, 9A-B; Species 4 as Figure 10-11; Species 5 as Figure 12, 13A-B; Species 6 as Figure 14, 15A-B; Species 7 as Figure 16A-B; Species 8 as Figure 17, 18A-B; Species 9 as Figure 19; Species 10 as Figure 20-21; Species 11 as Figure 22-24; Species 12 as Figure 27-28; Species 13 as Figure 29; Species 14 as Figure 30; Species 15 as Figure 31; Species 16 as Figure 32-36; Species 17 as Figure 37; Species 18 as Figure 43-44; Species 19 as Figure 43-44; Species 20 as Figure 45-46; Species 21 as Figure 47-48; Species 22 as Figure 49, 50, 51A-B; Species 23 as Figure 52-53; Species 24 as Figure 54-55; Species 25 as Figure 56-60; Species 26 as Figure 61-62; and Species 27 as Figure 63. Applicants believe that Species 1 would include Figures 1-5. Figures 1-3 depict views of a recreational vehicle with a slide out room. Figures 4-5 depict an embodiment of a latching mechanism for latching a portion of the slide out room in the collapsed position.

Applicants hereby request for prosecution Species 1, that is, Figures 1-5. Applicants also indicate that claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9, 18, 27-30, 33-38, 45-47, and 49-54 read on this species.

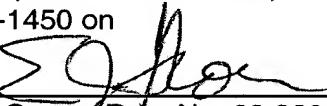
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